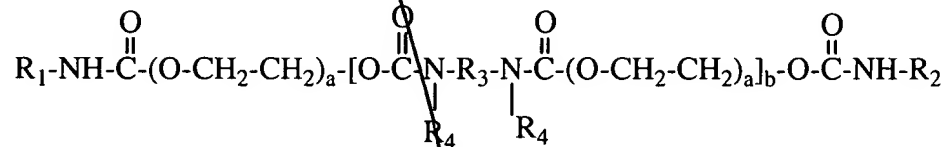


(A) at least one nonionic amphiphilic associative polyurethane corresponding to formula (I):



in which

one of the radicals R_1 and R_2 is an alkyl group having 8 to 18 carbons and the other group is an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbons,

R_3 is a hydrocarbon radical having from 4 to 36 carbons,

R_4 is chosen from hydrogen and $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl radicals,

a ranges, independently, from 90 to 600, and

b ranges from 1 to 4, and

(B) at least one anionic polymer comprising at least one fatty-chain monomer unit.

72. 27. (Amended) The composition according to claim 26, wherein the at least one linear or branched $\text{C}_8\text{-C}_{22}$ alkyl chain is chosen from $\text{C}_8\text{-C}_{22}$ alkyl acrylates or methacrylates, and vinyl esters of $\text{C}_8\text{-C}_{22}$ fatty acids.

73. 30. (Amended) The composition according to claim 16, wherein the at least one nonionic amphiphilic associative polyurethane of formula (I) is present in an amount of from 0.1 to 10 % by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

31. (Amended) The composition according to claim 30, wherein the at least one nonionic amphiphilic associative polyurethane of formula (I) is present in an amount of from 0.5 to 5 % by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

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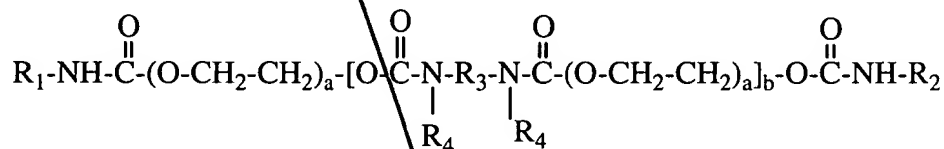
32. (Amended) The composition according to claim 16, wherein the at least one anionic polymer comprising at least one unit derived from a fatty-chain monomer is present in an amount of from 0.01 to 10 % by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

33. (Amended) The composition according to claim 32, wherein the at least one anionic polymer comprising at least one fatty-chain monomer unit is present in an amount of from 0.1 to 5% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

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35. (Amended) A leave-in haircare gel or styling gel comprising, in a cosmetically acceptable medium.

(A) at least one nonionic amphiphilic associative polyurethane corresponding to formula (I):



in which

one of the radicals R₁ and R₂ is an alkyl group having 8 to 18 carbons and the other group is an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbons,

R₃ is a hydrocarbon radical having from 4 to 36 carbons,

R₄ is chosen from hydrogen and C₁-C₆ alkyl radicals,

a ranges, independently, from 90 to 600, and

b ranges from 1 to 4, and

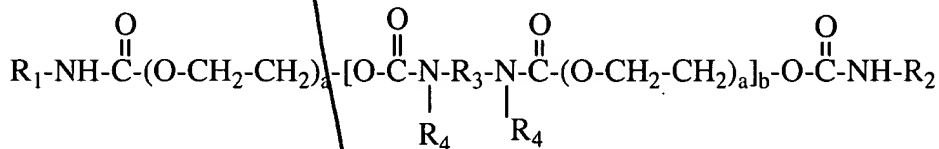
(B) at least one anionic polymer comprising at least one fatty-chain monomer unit.

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36. (Amended) A process of thickening a cosmetic composition comprising adding to said composition:

(A) at least one nonionic amphiphilic associative polyurethane corresponding to formula (I):



in which

one of the radicals R₁ and R₂ is an alkyl group having 8 to 18 carbons and the other group is an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbons,

R₃ is a hydrocarbon radical having from 4 to 36 carbons,

R₄ is a hydrogen atom or a C₁-C₆ alkyl radical,

a ranges, independently, from 90 to 600, and

b is from 1 to 4, and

(B) at least one anionic polymer comprising at least one fatty-chain monomer unit

wherein (A) and (B) are added in a combined amount effective to thicken said composition.

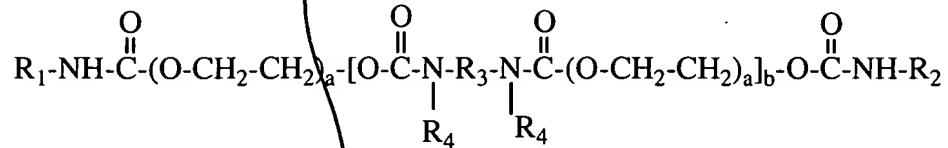
37. (Amended) A process for treating hair comprising applying to said hair composition comprising, in a cosmetically acceptable medium:

(A) at least one nonionic amphiphilic associative polyurethane corresponding to formula (I):

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in which

one of the radicals R_1 and R_2 is an alkyl group having 8 to 18 carbons and the other group is an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbons,

R_3 is a hydrocarbon radical having from 4 to 36 carbons,

R_4 is chosen from hydrogen and $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl radicals,

a ranges, independently, from 90 to 600, and

b ranges from 1 to 4, and

(B) at least one anionic polymer comprising at least one fatty-chain monomer unit

and drying the hair without rinsing said composition from the hair.

REMARKS

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 16-37 are pending. By this amendment, Applicant amends claims 16, 27, 30-33, and 35-37. Support for the amendments to the claims can be found in the originally filed specification and claims. No new matter has been added.

II. REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner has rejected claims 16, 20-22, 26-27, 29-33, and 35-37 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for the reasons set forth